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PLANT TO CONVERT TO SOVIET MODEL TRACTOR

PROTOTYPE TO BE READY BY 1 MAY -- Romania Libera, No 1708, 16 Mar 50

In preparation for the ultimate conversion of Rumanian tractors to the perfected Soviet KD 35 tractor, work has been begun on the IAR 24 K tractor at "Sovromtractor" in Brasov. This intermediate prototype will be ready by 1 May.

The specifications of the IAR 24 K call for a complete change in the motor hood, front axle, and tie rods. The front track has been widened 350 millimeters and the steering gear connecting rod has also been lengthened. The gearshift lever and the main axle in the transmission will be changed to permit the use of the KD 35 clutch, which is less complicated and more positive than the clutch now in use on the IAR 23 tractor.

Serial production of the IAR 24 K will start as soon as the prototype has been finished. Work on the new tractor has been so organized, thanks to the vast experience of the Soviet engineers at "Sovromtractor," that the production plan now in effect for the IAR 23 tractor will not suffer.

NEW TYPE OF LATHE -- Romania Libera, No 1711, 19 Mar 50

The lathe section of the "Desrobirea" Factory in Craiova has perfected a six-speed lathe with a maximum speed of 600 revolutions per minute. This lathe can be used on any type of precision work, such as making pistons, bearings, screws, and other pieces.

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